

11-9-1993

University Leader November 9, 1993

University Leader Staff

Follow this and additional works at: https://scholars.fhsu.edu/university_leader

Content Disclaimer

The primary source materials contained in the Fort Hays State University Special Collections and Archives have been placed there for research purposes, preservation of the historical record, and as reflections of a past belonging to all members of society. Because this material reflects the expressions of an ongoing culture, some items in the collections may be sensitive in nature and may not represent the attitudes, beliefs, or ideas of their creators, persons named in the collections, or the position of Fort Hays State University.

Recommended Citation

University Leader Staff, "University Leader November 9, 1993" (1993). *University Leader Archive*. 616.
https://scholars.fhsu.edu/university_leader/616

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Archives Online at FHSU Scholars Repository. It has been accepted for inclusion in University Leader Archive by an authorized administrator of FHSU Scholars Repository.

BCCC approves merger

Squire R. Boone
Managing editor

Edward Hammond, FHSU president, congratulated the Barton County Community College Board of Trustees on its approval of a possible merger with FHSU at a press conference held at 5 p.m. Thursday on the BCCC campus. Jimmie Downing, BCCC president, was also on hand for the announcement.

The board voted to pursue the merger on Oct. 21.

Quoting Joel Baker, a "total quality management specialist," Hammond said, "Only when you combine vision and action do you bring about long-term change."

The idea of a merger between the two institutions began more than a year ago. It was also the subject of an open forum for FHSU students and faculty held Oct. 30.

Hammond said the "real winners of a FHSU/BCCC merger would be the citizens of central Kansas." He cited the following advantages of a merger:

- increased programs and degrees
- increased quality as the result of more full-time faculty
- increased services (such as library services)

According to Hammond, the merger would build on the strengths of each school: BCCC's remedial programs, FHSU's ability to implement new courses without the approval of the Kansas Board of Regents and the "strong commitments of both institutions to technology."

The next steps in the merger plan are to implement campus teams to review the proposals, a review of the plans by the Board of Regents and a push for legislative action, Hammond said.

"Learning is the key to a totally educated work force," Hammond said. "Life-long learning is greater in scope than the two-year college. Even if we are the customer's only choice, let us strive to be their best choice."



Ink presser

Shane Chapman, Liberal senior, rolls ink onto a printing plate yesterday afternoon in the printmaking room of Rarick Hall.

Travis Morrissey/University Leader

'Runaway' to appear at Backdoor

Amy Krob
Entertainment reporter

Fort Hays State Memorial Union Activities Board will present "Runaway" in concert at 8 p.m. today and tomorrow at the Backdoor, Custer Hall, as part of the Gallery Series.

Runaway is a musical duo made up of Dan Sebranek and John Smith.

They describe their music as "contemporary new folk-acoustic with a little more punch," I.B. Dent, director of student activities, said.

Dent said, "It's a pretty high-energy concert with quite a variety of music."

"It'll be hard to come and not enjoy something."

Their music includes and is influenced by everything from rhythm and blues to ballads.

According to a press release, Sebranek and Smith employ only acoustic guitars, mandolin and harmonica.

However, the energy and dynamics generated are more than one would think possible from a duo, the press release stated.

Smith is a two-time finalist at the Troubadour Singer-Songwriter competition at the Telluride Blue Grass Festival in Colorado.

Sebranek and Smith are also both accomplished songwriters.

The duo was chosen as a New Folk winner at the Kerrville Folk Festival in Texas.

"Runaway" has one self-titled recording of original songs out right now.

It was produced in Austin, Texas, with a small host of back-up musicians, including percussion, keyboards, bass and is lightly seasoned with a violin, dobro and a Cajun accordion.

The recording has received airplay on both local and national radio stations.

"Runaway" plays in a variety of locations, from the Rocky Mountain Folk Festival, to small groups, as well as numerous colleges and a handful of benefits.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$4 for the general public and \$3 for FHSU faculty/staff. Admission is free for FHSU students.

Hammond takes 'Excellence' message to western, central Kansas

Stephanie Baccus
Copy editor

President Edward H. Hammond travelled to 11 cities in western and central Kansas last week to promote the improvement of higher education in Kansas.

The theme of the president's tour, which ranged from Nov. 1 to 4, is "Partnership for Excellence," according to a press release.

This year, the tour included Liberal, Dodge City, Garden City, Goodland, Colby, Salina, Russell, Hays, Pratt, Great Bend and Hutchinson.

In addition to speaking to civic groups and media at these cities, Hammond gave presentations at Lib-

eral and Goodland high schools.

Although the president limited his speech at the high schools to preparation for a technical society, he addressed six issues to the civic groups. Those issues were: minorities' needs, comparison with other Regents institutions' funding, educational progress, policy and reform and collaboration between educational institutions.

Speaking on minorities' needs, Hammond said the need to address the issue is "terribly urgent."

"We at FHSU have established a bilingual teacher scholarship program to encourage more minorities to enter the teaching profession, and we've moved full speed ahead into our Academic Community Enhancement program on our campus."

Jim Dawson, president of student development, said the ACE program helps place minorities into community programs. He said there are currently four FHSU students in ACE now.

Financial assistance was what Hammond stressed was needed to help students of Kansas face the rising cost of higher education.

"Those statistics show students are doing more than their fair share of tuition and the price of higher education," Hammond said.

In summary, the Kansas regents institutions have not been funded as well by the state of Kansas as have other entities. "I believe it's time for a change."

On educational progress,

Hammond had this to say: "Good progress has been made in Kansas. In fact, Kansas students rank ninth in the nation in terms of academic performance. However, as good as our students are, they can be better," he said.

Hammond also discussed educational policy, stressing the need for policies to improve learning conditions through the continued use of technology in education.

"We've got to do a better job of integrating computing, telecommunication and television, and we've got to begin to make full use of fiber optics."

On the issue of reform, he said, "I believe real reform is local and learning ultimately is an individual act," he said.

To showcase the results of FHSU's reforms, Hammond listed FHSU's enrollment increase of 53 percent since 1989, compared to decreases in enrollment at every other regents institution, ranging from a 33 percent decrease at the University of Kansas to a six percent decrease at Emporia State University.

Relations with, or actually, collaborations with, other institutions is another issue Hammond addressed on the tour.

He discussed the "definite need" for increased collaboration between universities, mentioning the merger of FHSU and Barton County Community College.

"I think the merger is a good idea, however, I don't know that it will

happen," he said.

Hammond said he's travelled on this tour for "at least six years now." He said the spring tour is to award FHSU's Award of Excellence scholarships.

Editor's note

In its Nov. 5 edition, the Leader stated *For sixth* had a two month trial subscription to the Business Article CD service. This was in error. The service will not be available until next semester. The Leader regrets the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.



Fraternity heads

Herb Songer, assistant vice president for student affairs, Justin Gee, Ulysses freshman; Con Cockrum, Johnson senior; Jerry Chandler, Cheney senior; Bret Frericha, Hays senior; Mark Grover, Hays senior; Curtis Zachman, Dodge City freshman; and Steve Wessinger, Victoria junior discuss matters during the Inter-Fraternity Council meeting last night in the Memorial Union.

Mark Grover/University Leader

Geoscience 'Awards' gets gift

Sundi Fairchild
Staff writer

The Hays Wal-Mart has donated \$1000 to the Fort Hays State geoscience Awards of Excellence Scholarship Foundation.

Dr. Ken Neuhauser, professor of geoscience, said he approached Wal-Mart about helping FHSU attract more freshman majoring in geoscience.

This contribution by Wal-Mart will increase the amounts of the Awards of Excellence available for incoming freshmen and transfer students.

Qualifying students will be chosen from the ACT scores of next year's freshmen.

"Right now, we have 114 names to go through. We would like to choose eight to ten students to receive more money with their Awards of Excellence," Neuhauser said.

The geoscience department raised money for scholarships and Wal-

Mart agreed to match the amount raised.

"Now we have \$2000 in the scholarship fund to add on to the selected Awards of Excellence," Neuhauser said.

Neuhauser hopes the increase in the amount of scholarships offered will encourage more high school students to choose the FHSU geoscience department for their future education.

"Hopefully, we will be able to add \$300 to \$400 extra dollars to each scholarship we offer," Neuhauser said.

By using the ACT scores of upcoming freshmen, Neuhauser said they are hoping to attract the students with higher ACT scores to FHSU.

The only qualifications for the geoscience scholarship are that the recipients be incoming freshmen with qualifying ACT scores and a declared geoscience major.

Neuhauser said the geoscience department will be doing more fund raising events to add to the scholarship fund.

Students accepting awards will participate in an environmental research project during their first year at FHSU.

The project will most likely be testing the areas ground water, Neuhauser said.

Mark Kaseforth, manager of Wal-Mart, said Wal-Mart gave money to the scholarship for its efforts to improve the environment.

INSIDE the Leader

Cartoon	2
Gen. Ed.	2
Cell blocking	3
Football	4

Leader OPINIONS

Page 2

The University Leader

Tuesday, November 9, 1993

Editorial

Media takes responsibility for individual's death

It seems the media has been blamed once more for promoting violence or inappropriate actions.

The latest example is featured in the article "Lie down in darkness," from the Nov. 1 issue of Time magazine.

The article questions the role the movie "The Program" played in the death of Michael Shingledecker's death.

Shingledecker died while he was laying in the middle of a highway, a stunt similar to the one portrayed in the movie by the star quarterback.

While the connection between the two incidents is obvious, the question of responsibility remains.

Is the media responsible for an individual's behavior?

Although every situation is unique, it seems the fashionable way to handle responsibility is to give it to someone else.

This unrealistic attitude provides justification for any actions people can think of doing.

For instance, people who drink too much claim

peer pressure forced them to drink.

Students who received low grades blame their teachers, saying they taught badly or tested too hard.

While these may be true in some cases, people do often push aside responsibility for their own actions, and instead, place the blame on someone else.

So when do people begin taking responsibility for their own actions?

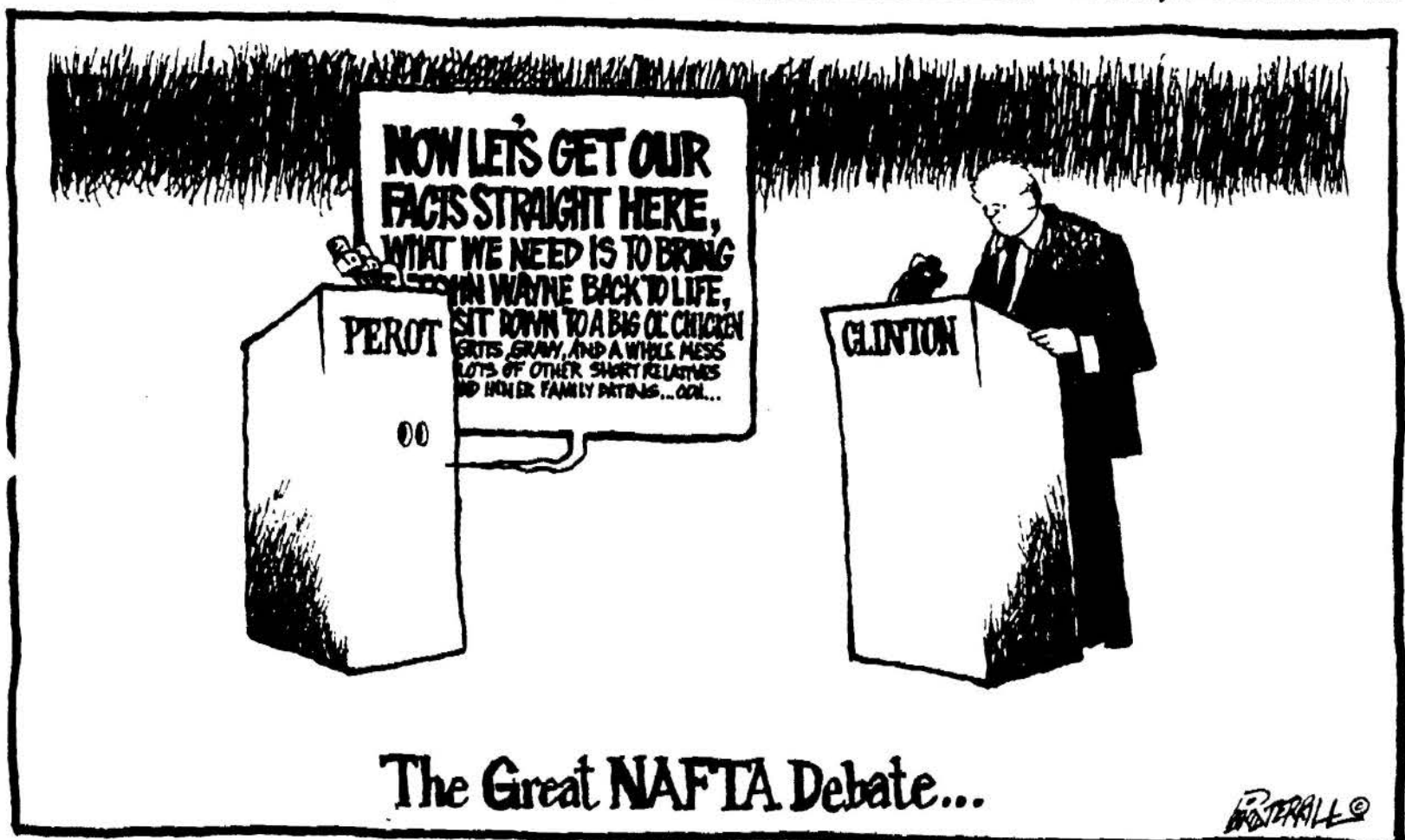
Is there a magical age when people are required to say "Hey, I am in control of my life and what I do is my choice"?

To not be sympathetic for the Shingledecker family in their time of need would be unjust.

Yet to blame the media is pointless and illogical.

The media is an impersonal messenger of facts, pictures and words.

Placing the responsibility on the media for one's own actions is permitting tragedies like that of the Shingledecker's to happen again.



General education classes have problems

General education courses, the backbone of the Fort Hays State education system.

Everyone has to take them, and some of them are a dreaded remembrance of high school courses taken long ago.

Some of these courses are affectionately labeled "pud" classes, while just the mention of some others is enough to put fear into the heart of the typical freshman.

Many of the teachers who teach these general education classes are required to teach them and seem to put minimal effort into their classes.

Maybe it's because it's not in their range of specialty topics like the higher level classes they teach.

I'm not talking about all of the instructors, of course, but I don't think some of the teachers understand that no matter what year a student is, we all have to take general education classes.

We at least deserve to have the



Amy Krob
Entertainment reporter

same opportunities to learn in those classes as we do in the upper-level classes.

We have to get through them somehow, and there's no doubt in my mind it's not just the subject being studied, but the way that subject is taught that can make a general education class difficult.

While one teacher may show videos every class period, another may give nine pages of notes in less than an hour. It all depends on the teacher, or graduate assistant for that matter.

It just seems that even though an instructor may know the material be-

ing taught, some of them make it easier and more bearable than others.

One of my general education classes this semester happens to be Personal Wellness.

I don't feel the problem in this class lies with my instructor so much as with the standardized chapter tests we are required to take.

Can the people who make up those tests really know what we should study and how we should study it in our classroom here at FHSU?

Why can't the departments trust our instructors to make up a test they feel covers what we need to be learning?

But of course, that would depend on if the instructors were willing to go through that much work to make up their own test.

According to a National Center for Education Statistics report, less than 50 percent of students enrolled are graduating in four years.

This makes the need for general

education classes all the more important.

Aside from being required, they give us a chance to sample different areas as possible majors.

But in some of my classes, studying for a test is pure regurgitation. I thought I left that when I left high school.

Apparently not.

Even at the college level, some teachers insist on spoon-feeding the students.

Don't get me wrong, I appreciate this as much as most students, but how is it helping us prepare for the future?

If you asked me today, I probably couldn't tell you much about what we've covered in my classes up to mid-terms.

So, maybe my main question is to the instructors.

How do you expect us, as students, to be excited about learning if you aren't excited about teaching?

The University LEADER

The University Leader
Fort Hays State University
Picken 104
Hays, KS 67601-4099
(913) 628-5301

The University Leader, the official Fort Hays State student newspaper, is published each Tuesday and Friday except during university holidays, examination periods or specially announced occasions.

Student subscriptions are paid by activity fees, and mail subscription rates are \$25 per year.

Third-class postage is paid at Hays. Publication identification number is 519901.

The Leader is distributed at designated locations both on and off campus.

Unsigned editorials are the views of the editor in chief and do not necessarily represent the views of the staff.

© Copyright,
University Leader, 1993

Letter Policy

Letters to the editor may be mailed or delivered to the Leader office.

The Leader encourages reader response. Letters to the editor should not exceed 300 words in length.

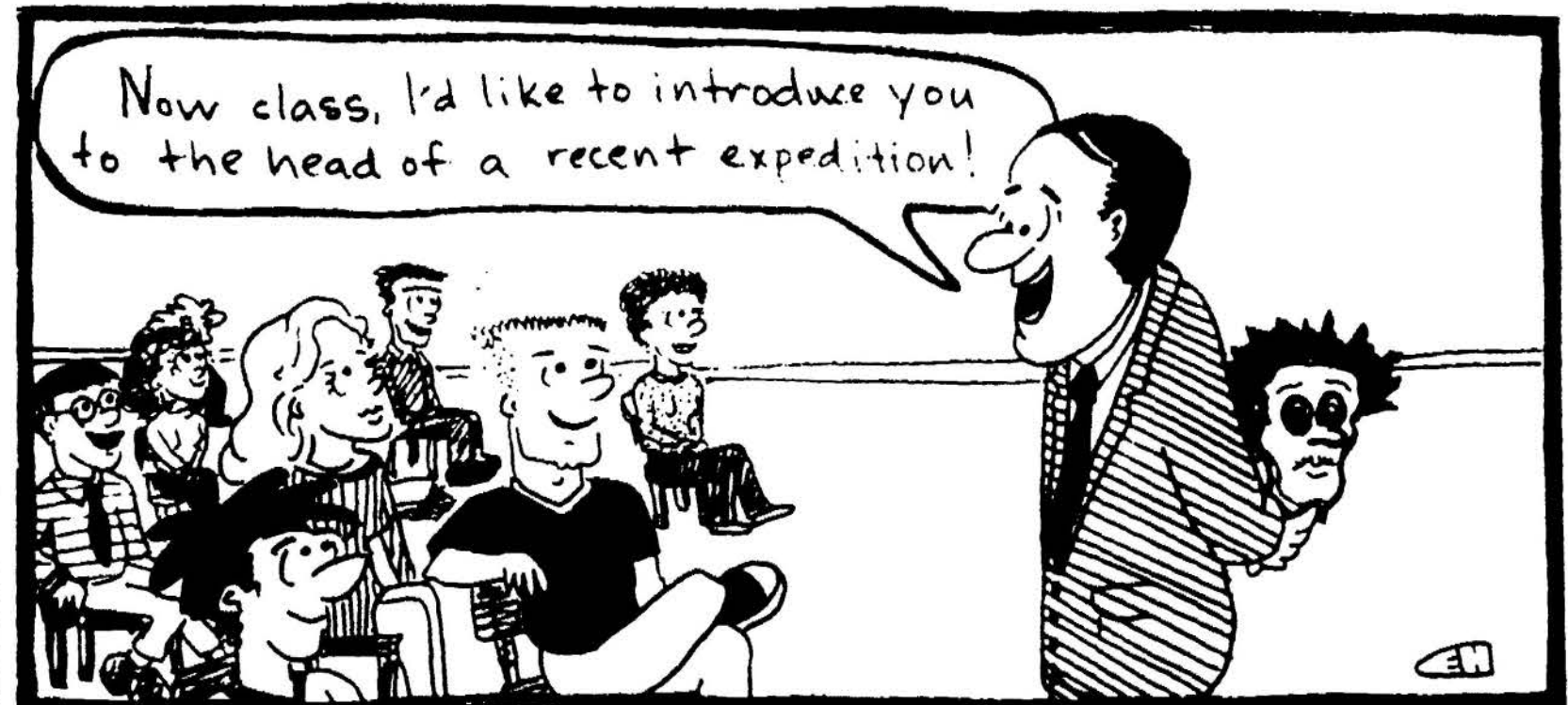
All letters must be signed, no exceptions. Letters must include addresses and telephone numbers. Students must include hometown and classifications, and faculty and staff are asked to include their titles.

Letters must be turned into the Leader two days before the next publication or they may be held over until the next issue.

The editorial staff reserves the right to condense and edit letters according to available space and Leader style. Publication of letters is not guaranteed.

The Leader also reserves the right to delete numerous signatures on a letter if space does not allow for all names to appear.

Tammy Brooks, Editor in chief
Sandra Boone, Managing editor
Shannon Berland, Ad manager
Katie Hess, Classified ad manager
Kelly Freeman, Features editor
Christina Humphrey, Business manager
Stephanie Baccus, Copy editor
Lynn Ann Huntington, Advisor
Rebecca Lofton, Copy editor
Travis Monroe, Photo editor
Amy Krob, Entertainment reporter
Dionetta Robben, Senate reporter
Robert Terrell, Cartoonist
Erin Heers, Illustrator
Troy Spray, Circulation manager



Reflecting on grades?

Personal courtesy not a requirement

The other day, I had a run-in with a teacher because I didn't extend to this person an unnecessary courtesy.

I've been down-graded before because a professor thought I had an attitude in class, and I just can't figure it out.

One wasn't even my teacher, just someone who must have confused themselves with God or something. I guess I was supposed to owe them some great amount of respect and neglected to show it. How stupid am I?

Excuse me, but don't I pay tuition here? Do I need to call you "Mr." or "Mrs." to get an "A"? And if so, why do you not treat me with the same respect?

"Do you grade me by my attitude?" in class, or by my work? Must I fit your personal image of a "good student" to get a "good student's" grades?

Pardon me, but I sure as hell hope not. Talk about squelching personal



Stephanie Baccus
Copy editor

freedom of expression.

If I'm in a bad mood, (and I'll admit I'm nobody's little sunshine at 8:30 in the morning) I have every right to scowl in class, and you professors have no right to grade me by it.

I show respect to almost all the faculty here at FHSU, because you deserve that much as human beings and most of you are actually cool human beings, too.

Student tuition pays somewhere around 20% of the school's expenses (that would include faculty salaries, eh?). That means I'm paying you, in

an indirect way, and it's true, you wouldn't be here without the students.

So must I really call you "Mr." or "Mrs." when I'm paying you, when you say you're here for me and most of all, when you call me "Honey," "Sweetheart," or any other name you really feel like calling me?

If you can do that, shouldn't I be calling you "Bob" or "Mary"?

After all, you say you respect me, but you call me names that show me otherwise.

If I wanted to pay several thousand dollars for someone to treat me like that, I'd rather have Christian Slater do it.

So why don't you show me the respect I should have as a person by grading me by my work and leaving "attitude" out of the requirements?

Even when we're not in class, or if you're not my teacher, why don't you extend to me the courtesy of being as

respectful to me as I am to you?

The student handbook says nothing about having respect for teachers. And I looked really hard, too.

Now, I flunked out of Logic all by myself, but this is what I'm thinking, but if I don't have to show respect to my teachers, I should have no responsibility towards faculty who don't even know me.

Now, before all the teachers at FHSU get too ticked off, let me say this doesn't extend to all, or even half, the faculty here.

FHSU has some of the finest, nicest, hardest working teachers I've met, and almost all of them are pleasant to work with.

But some of the faculty seem to think because they have a degree, I'm their lesser, someone to be called "Honey" and who responds with "Yes, ma'am" or "sir." (Oh, puh-lease.)

Don't forget we're here to get our degrees, and we'll remember.

Leader FEATURES

Tuesday, November 9, 1993

The University Leader

Page 3

Campus Briefs

Schedules are available

The following interview sign-up schedules are available at the Career Development and Placement Service, Sheridan 214: Rent-A-Center, Collingwood Grain, Smoot Grain, Bankers Life and AFLAC.

Volunteers needed

The campus Literacy Corps project needs students to enroll as community service interns.

Sophomore, junior and senior interns can earn three credit hours by assisting with an after-school enrichment program for Hays' fourth and fifth graders. Interns will help children improve their reading and writing skills. To be eligible, students must have a 2.5 GPA and a minimum grade of B in freshman composition. For more information, contact Robert Jennings at 628-4534.

Blankets needed

Frances Gordon, music department secretary, has a daughter working for the St. Elizabeth's Shelter for homeless families in Santa Fe, N.M. The shelter is in desperate need of blankets and will accept them in any condition. Those willing to donate blankets can call Gordon at 628-4533.

Careers to be discussed

The Communication Club is sponsoring Careers in Communication at 5:30 tonight in the Frontier Room, Memorial Union.

The Public Relations Organization for students will be presenting careers in public relations.

PRO's to meet

The Public Relations Organization for students will meet at 7 p.m. tomorrow at the Catholic Campus Center.

Members should bring their resumes to be critiqued. Those who have not paid their dues should bring their money.

For more information, contact Tammy Brooks at 625-6572 or Lori Dinkel at 628-2521.

Relays to be in Union

Math Relays will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday in the Memorial Union. The Union will be congested during the competition, for those who would like to make alternate lunch or break plans.

Briefs available

Those interested in publishing information in the Campus Brief should submit written information by noon before publication day at Picken 104.

Southwestern Bell™ call blocking, call return soon to be accessible

Stephanie Baccus
Copy editor

You walk in the door, arms piled high with books, and hear the phone ringing. Yet you know by the time you get inside, throw down your load and run to the phone, the caller will have given up. You're left with books all over the floor, your door standing open with the key still in the lock and a dead receiver in one hand. Soon, this won't be a problem.

That night around 3 a.m., you're awakened by a phone call from your ex, who is ready to harrasse you until 5 a.m. or you hang up, whichever comes first. This, too, is almost an obsolete situation.

Southwestern Bell™ now has an answer to both problems, although these services aren't available yet for Hays.

When the phone rings and you just can't get to it in time, dialing "6.9" will dial the last number that called

your number. It's called Call Return, and it will soon be available in Hays for a monthly fee, similar to Call Waiting already available in Hays.

Call Return works for up to 30 minutes after your last call. So, if it takes you 29 minutes before your hands are free enough to make a call, you can still dial the Call Return sequence, and it will still call back whoever tried calling you 29 minutes ago. John Boggs, Southwestern Bell service representative, said.

In addition, Call Return works even if you do get to the phone on time. Now when your mom calls and you remember something as soon as you hang up, dialing the "6.9" within 30 minutes will dial the number she called from.

To keep unwanted phone calls from buzzing your line, Boggs said Southwestern Bell will soon offer Call Blocking.

"Call Blocking allows you to block out numbers you know, or even num-

bers you don't know, that you don't want calling you," Boggs said.

When a call is blocked, the caller will hear a recorded message when he or she tries to call your number.

Meanwhile, your phone never rings, so unwanted callers can't keep you up at night.

If you don't know the number of the person harrasing you with phone calls, Boggs said, there is a sequence of numbers to dial that will trace the call back to the caller and add it to your blocked out list of numbers.

Currently, most areas in Kansas with the Call Control options, which include Call Blocking and Return, allow up to six numbers that can be blocked off, although SWB representatives said that should be up to ten by Jan. 1, 1994.

Boggs said Call Control services are available in Kansas only in Lawrence, Kansas City, Topeka and Wichita, at present.

Representatives could not give an

Fort Hays State Trivia

Last issue's question was: What year was Fort Hays State College renamed and recognized as a university?

Answer: 1977.

A major donor withdrew a \$1 million gift to FHSU because this Vietnam objector spoke on campus the eve of Veteran's Day, 1970.

Editor's note: This is the twentieth Fort Hays State trivia question in a series that will be continuing throughout the fall semester. The answer to each question will appear in the following edition.

estimate of when the services would be available in Hays, however. "It all depends on when we get the equipment to convert the office," Boggs said.

"We had an overwhelming response of people taking advantage of the service there (in Lawrence)," Boggs said. Call Blocking and Return have been available in Lawrence since

1991, in Kansas City since July and just recently in Wichita and Topeka.

The services cost \$2.50 a month each, plus a one-time \$6 charge for hook up, Boggs said.

When the service becomes available, calling "6.0" will hook up Call Blocking to your phone, and "6.8.0" temporarily shuts it off, but saves the list of blocked numbers.

FRATS! SORORITIES! STUDENT GROUPS!

Raise as Much as You Want in One Week! \$100...\$600...\$1500!

Market Applications for VISA, MASTERCARD, MCI, AMOCO, etc. Call for your FREE T-SHIRT and to qualify for FREE TRIP to MTV SPRING BREAK '94. Call 1-800-950-1039, ext. 75.

JOIN THE PRE-THANKSGIVING CLEAN UP!

BRING US YOUR USED ALUMINUM BEVERAGE CANS!

DON'T BE A  RECYCLE!!

DONT TRASH 'EM - CASH 'EM

SHOW YOUR STUDENT I.D. AND GET A 2¢ PER POUND BONUS!

THE GROUP OR ORGANIZATION WITH THE MOST POUNDS RECEIVES A \$50 SAVINGS BOND.

COORS RECYCLING
E. 8TH, HAYS

HOURS M-F 1-5 & SAT 9-NOON
SPECIAL HOURS ON REQUEST
OFFER GOOD UNTIL THANKSGIVING

Need a Job??

Are you interested in journalism?

LEADER Applications are HERE!!

Editor applications are due

Nov. 16

Other applications are due

Nov. 22

Pick up applications in Picken 104

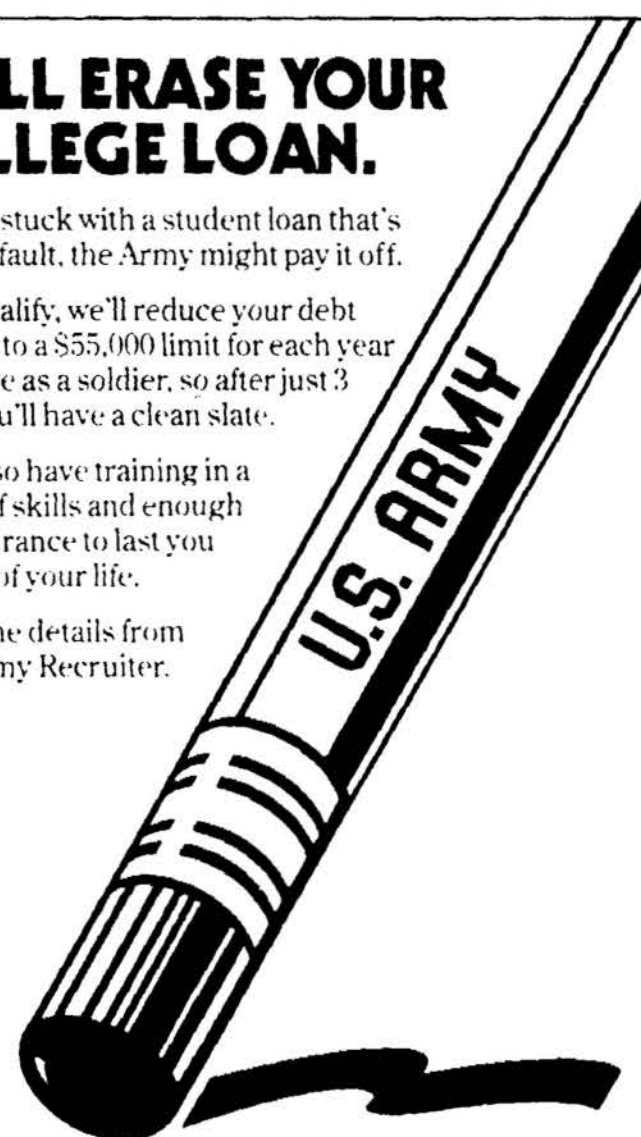
WE'LL ERASE YOUR COLLEGE LOAN.

If you're stuck with a student loan that's not in default, the Army might pay it off.

If you qualify, we'll reduce your debt by 1/2, up to a \$55,000 limit for each year you serve as a soldier, so after just 3 years you'll have a clean slate.

You'll also have training in a choice of skills and enough self-assurance to last you the rest of your life.

Get all the details from your Army Recruiter.



625-9227

ARMY. BE ALL YOU CAN BE.

mfb Community Welcome!

DOOR PRIZES FROM OK VIDEO



Remixing

Dan Sebranek & John Smith
Tues. & Wed., Nov. 9 & 10
8:00 p.m.
The Backdoor

Dan Sebranek and John Smith describe their music as contemporary new folk-acoustic with a little more punch. They employ only acoustic guitars, mandolin, and harmonica to generate more energy and dynamics than one would think possible from a duo. They also have one album of original music. Their years of experience help them produce the polished, well-blended sound that only comes with time.

Gen. Public-\$4.00 FHSU Faculty/Staff-\$3.00 FHSU Students-FREE

The Rock Of Fort Hays State



600 AM 94.9 Cable FM
Monday-Friday Noon-Midnight
Saturday-Sunday 2p.m.-10p.m.

Save at the

809 Ash St. 625-6913

Hays, KS

Dine in, carry out and delivery available

Bring this coupon to the Q for

Hamburger, fries and medium drink for only \$3²⁹

Expires December 31, 1993

PAIR WITH A FAIR PRICE

2 10" PIZZAS

\$8.99 Plus Tax

2 12" REG. OR THIN & CRISPY

\$10.99 Plus Tax

2 16" REG. OR THIN & CRISPY

\$14.99 Plus Tax



CALL 625-2311

Subs - Breadsticks - Fresh Salads Available

